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C O N F I D E N T I A L NDJAMENA 2258

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, MASS, CD, FR
SUBJECT: FRENCH POSITION ON US ASSISTANCE
TO CHAD.

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY GAVE US JULY 6 COPY OF MESSAGE SENT BY QUAI TO FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON SITUATION IN CHAD, WHICH CONCLUDES WITH INSTRUCTION TO RESPOND, IF ASKED, THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY APPLAUD ANY ASSISTANCE USG MIGHT OFFER CHAD.

2. EMBASSY INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

"SUBJECT: SITUATION IN CHAD.

SINCE JUNE 21, THE CHADIAN REBELS HAVE MOUNTED A GENERAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE POSTS IN TIBESTI. TWO OF THESE, ZOUAR AND OUNIANGA KABIR, HAVE RESISTED THE ATTACKS VICTORIOUSLY. IN CONTRAST, THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL IN BARDAI, WHICH HAS BEEN ENCIRCLED SINCE JUNE 23 BY ADVERSARIES STRONGLY ARMED WITH MORTARS AND RECOILLESS RIFLES. THE GARRISON, WITH A STRENGTH OF 350 MEN, HAS WITHDRAWN TO THE FORT,
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WHERE THE FAMILIES OF THE MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT CIVILIANS HAVE TAKEN REFUGE. LOSSES ARE HIGH,AND IT HOLDS ON THANKS ONLY TO PARACHUTE DROPS AND THE SUPPORT OF CHADIAN AD-4 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. EVENTUAL INTERVENTION BY A RELIEF COLUMN NOW ASEMBLING AT FAYA IS NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE SEVERAL DAYS, AND THERE IS LITTLE HOPE THAT THE POST CAN HOLD OUT UNTIL THEM.

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" THE DETERIORATING SITUATION IS THEREFORE VERY ANXIOUS,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AFRICAN CONTEXT AND THE FRAGILITY
OF CHAD. WE ARE CONTRIBUTING THO THIS
COUNTRY MATERIEL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT SINCE THE
BEGINNING OF THE REBEL ACTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
MILITARY AGREEMENTS WE HAVE WITH IT. IT IS A
QUESTION OF REENFORCING SPECIALISTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF THE CHADIAN AIRCRAFT, OF THE TRANSPORTATION BY
TRANSALLS OF THE ARMORED VEHCILES REQUIRED FOR THE
FORMATION OF THE RELIEF COLUMN, AND OF THE ACCELERATED
PROVISION OF THE CHADIAN ARMY WITH MUNTIONS AND SPARE PARTS.
BUT WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS SUPPORT IN ITSELF IS INSUFFICIENT
TO PERMIT THE RECTIFICATION OF THE SITUATION. THE N'DJAMENA
AUTHORITIES ARE IN ACCROD WITH THIS SENTIMENT. THIS IS THE
REASON THAT THEY HAVE ADDRESSED THEMSELVES TO CERTAIN
WESTERN COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, IN ORDER
TO OBTAIN COMPLIMENTARY ASSISTANCE. THIS IS THE
SITUATION AS DESCRIBED BY THE TELEGRAMS WHICH I HAVE
RELAYED TO YOU.

" IF YOU ARE QUESTIONED REGARDING THIS MATTER, YOU CAN
MAKE KNOWN TO YOUR QUESTIONERS THAT WE CAN ONLY BE IN
FAVOR OF AID FROMTHE UNITED STATES TO THE CHADIAN
ARMY.
SIGNED - HAREL" BRADFORD
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